

**OCTOBER SERMON  
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# **Avoiding the Pitfalls of “Almost Right”**

**“Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong. It is knowing the difference between right and almost right.”**

**Charles Spurgeon**

**“Almost right is still completely wrong by God’s standards.”**



**Proverbs 14:12, There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.**

**Ephesians 2:8-9, For by GRACE you  
have been saved through FAITH.  
And this is not your own doing; it is  
the gift of God, not a result of  
works, so that no one may boast.**

**Matthew 7:13-14, Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.**

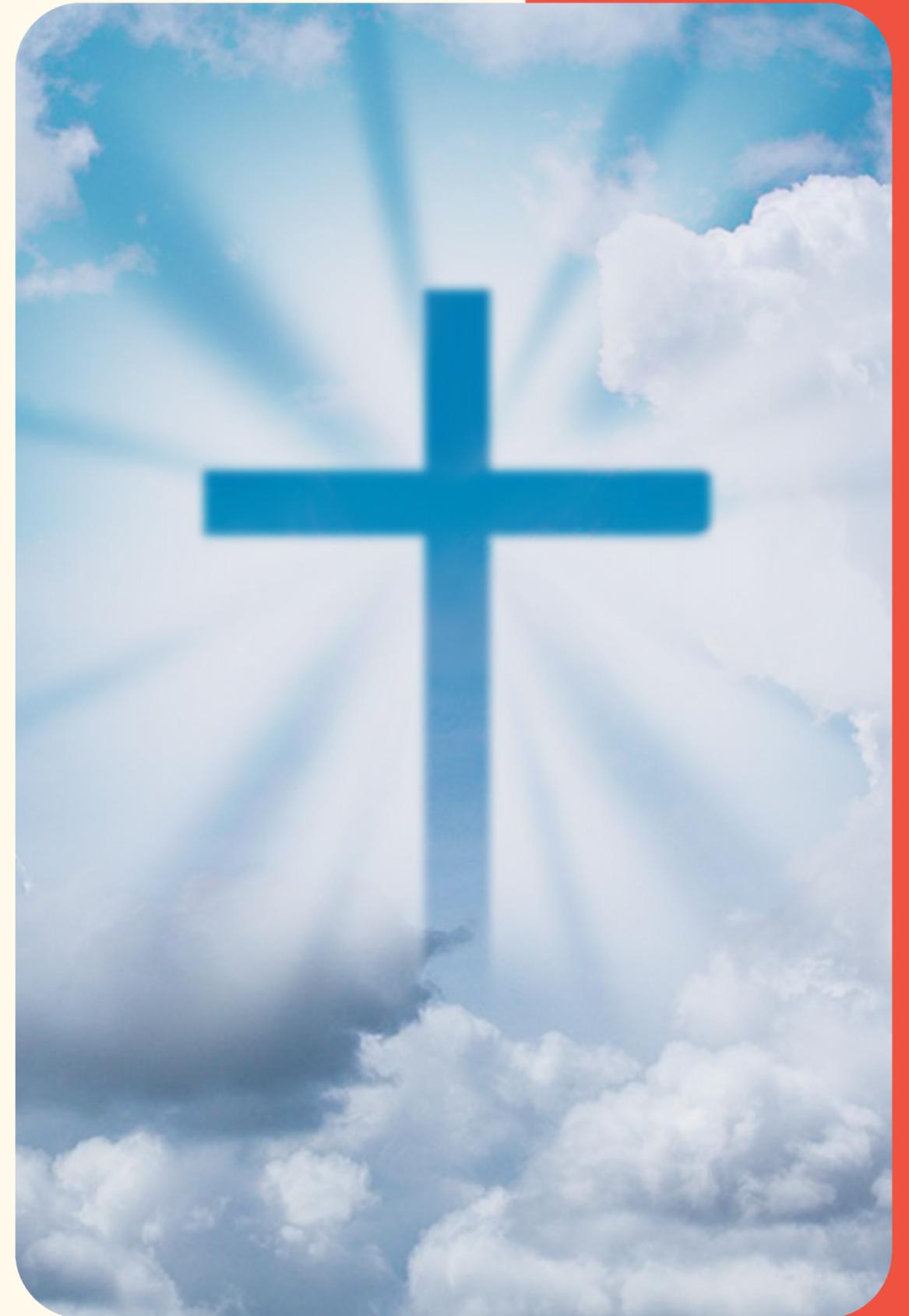
**Matthew 22:36-38, Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’**

**James 4:17, So whoever  
knows the right thing to do  
and fails to do it, for him it is  
sin.**

**1 Kings 3:7-9, LORD God, I'm your servant, and you've made me king in my father's place. But I'm very young and know so little about being a leader. And now I must rule your chosen people, even though there are too many of them to count. Please make me wise and teach me the difference between right and wrong. Then I will know how to rule your people. If you don't, there is no way I could rule this great nation of yours.**

**1 Kings 3:9, So give your servant a  
DISCERNING HEART to govern  
your people and to distinguish  
between right and wrong.**

**Discernment is a  
Divine Compass.**



# **Five Biblical Tools to Sharpen Your Discernment Skills:**



# **1. The Tool of PRAYER.**

## **Proverbs 2:6**



**“God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.”**

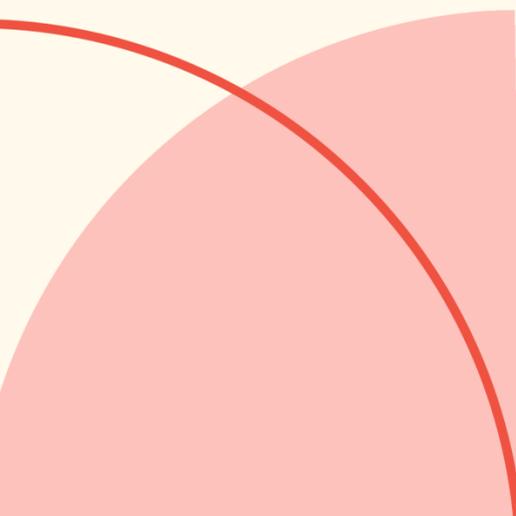
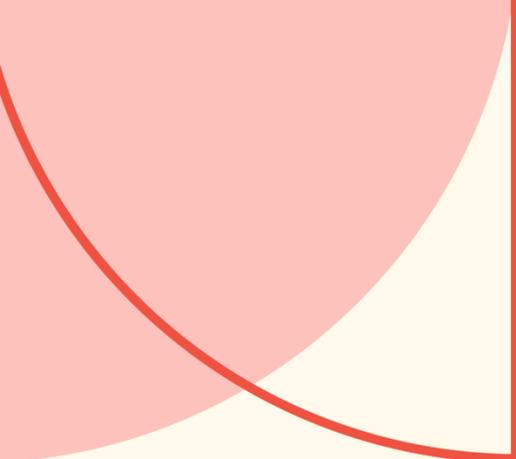
**Mother Teresa**

**James 1:5, If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.**

**At the heart of spiritual discernment is being able to distinguish the voice of the world from the voice of God, to have a sense that “this is right” or “this is wrong.”**

**“God never gives us discernment in order that we may criticize, but that we may intercede.”**

**Oswald Chambers**



# **2. The Tool of the WORD of GOD. John 17:17**

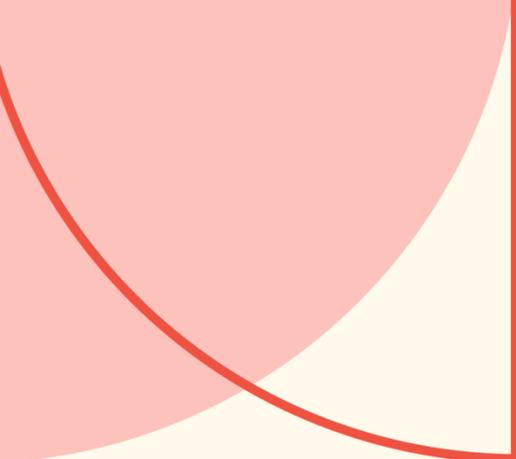


**1 Timothy 6:20-21, Timothy, guard what God has trusted to you. Stay away from foolish, useless talk and from the arguments of what is falsely called “knowledge.” By saying they have that “knowledge,” some have missed the true faith.”**

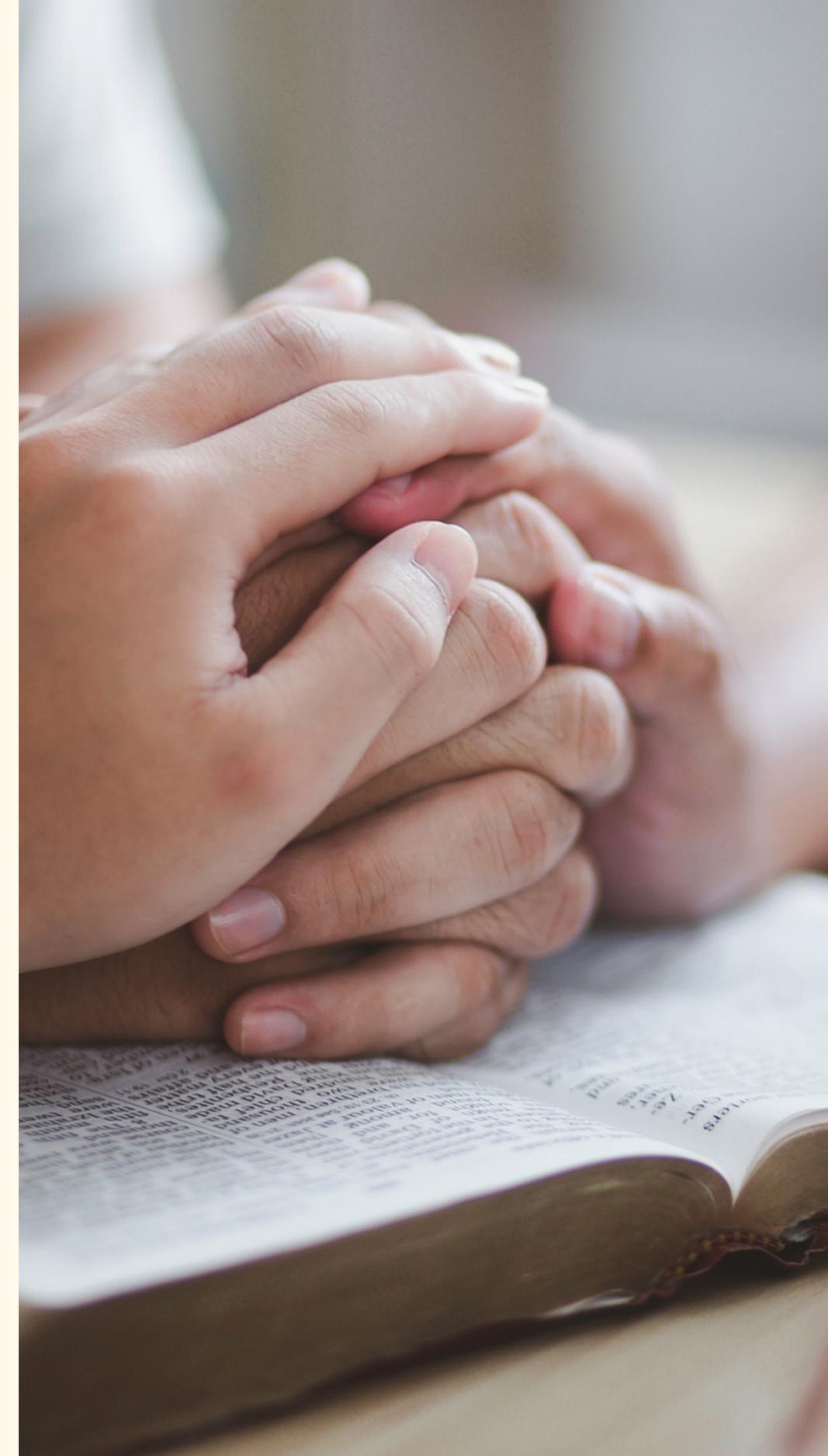
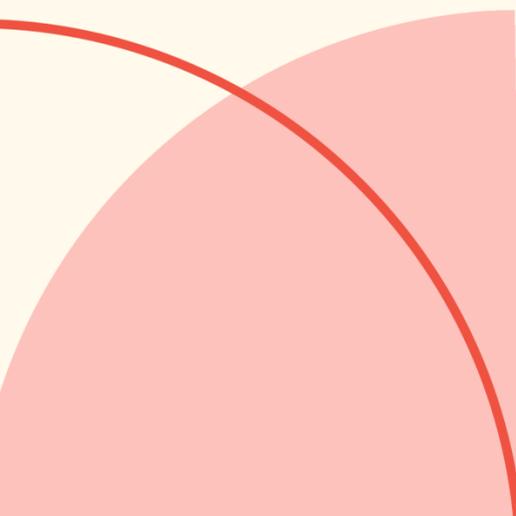
**II Timothy 1:13-14, Follow the pattern of true teachings that you heard from me in faith and love, which are in Christ Jesus. Protect the truth that you were given; protect it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.**

**3. The Tool of Awareness  
of SATAN'S SCHEMES.  
II Corinthians 2:11**





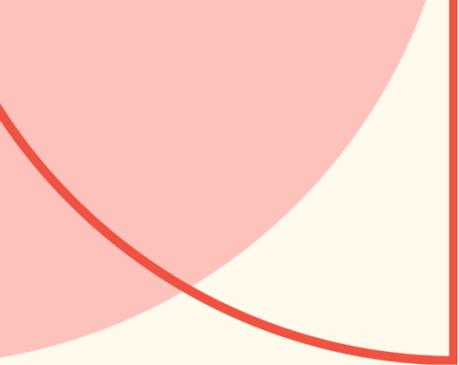
**4. The Tool of Awareness  
of Areas of  
SUSCEPTIBILITY.  
II Timothy 4:3**



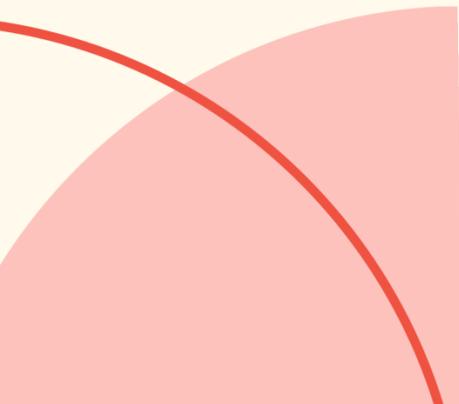
**II Timothy 4:3, The time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions.**

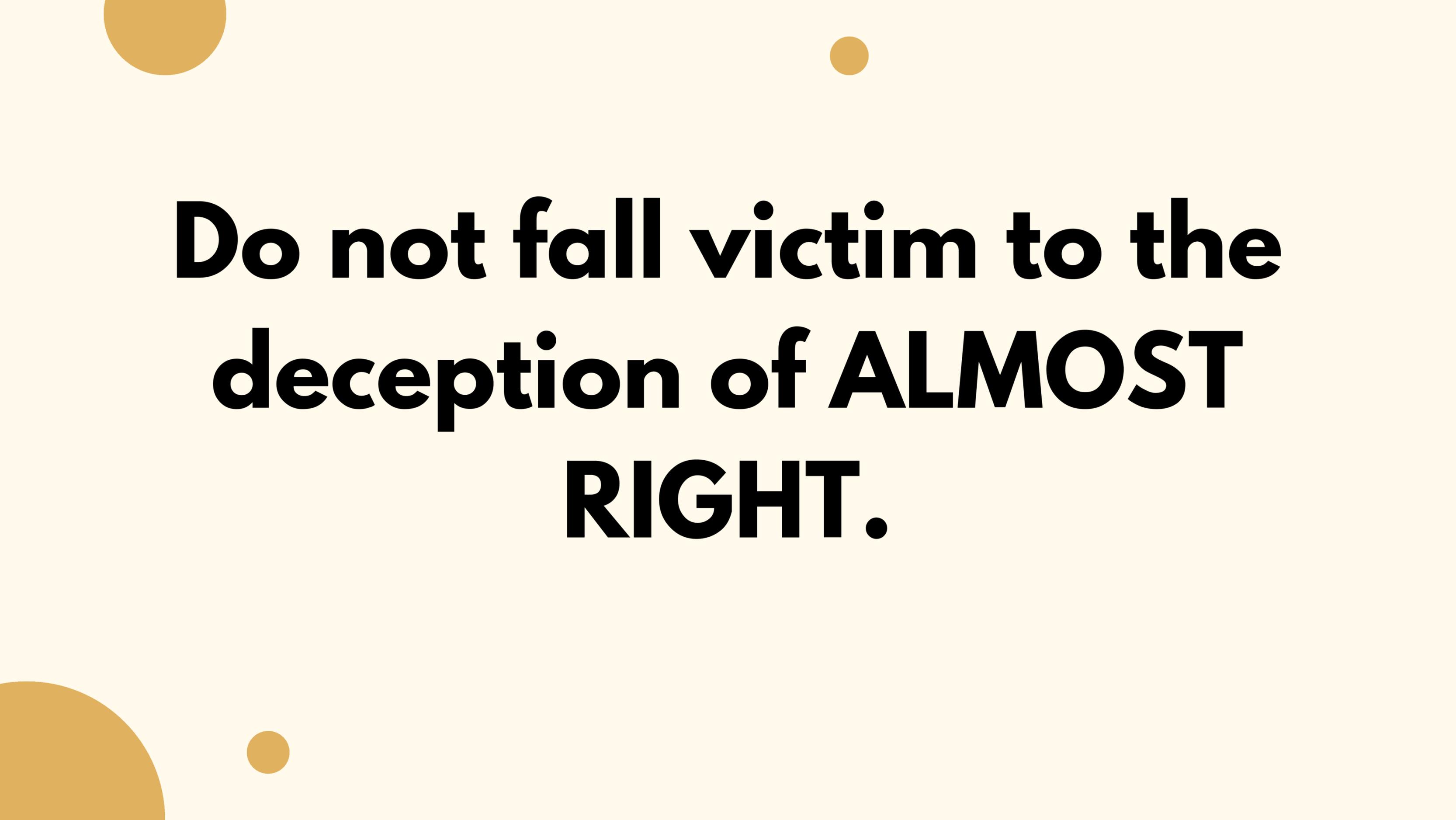
# 5. The Tool of Godly COUNSEL. Proverbs 11:14





**Proverbs 11:14, Where there is no [wise, intelligent] guidance, the people fall [and go off course like a ship without a helm], But in the abundance of [wise and godly] counselors there is victory.**





**Do not fall victim to the  
deception of ALMOST  
RIGHT.**